

June 21, 2001

Mr. Tom Hunter, Executive Director
Appalachian Regional Commission
1666 Connecticut Avenue Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20009-1068

Dear Mr. Hunter:

The Mississippi Appalachian Regional Office respectfully submits for the Appalachian Regional Commission's review and approval the Mississippi Consolidated Technical Assistance Grant for Fiscal Year 2001. ARC funds requested are \$238,823 and matched with \$138,824 of State funds. The remaining match will be from communities/counties requesting small discretionary funding. This match will range from 20% to 50% depending on the county's ARC designation; therefore, we cannot give an exact match amount at this time.

The Mississippi Appalachian Planning and Program Management grant is designed to implement the ARC program for the State of Mississippi. The grant will also enable the Appalachian Regional Office to provide technical assistance to planning and development districts as well as other agencies and organizations.

We appreciate the Commission's efforts for Mississippi and look forward to your review and consideration of this request for funding.

Very truly yours,

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